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ESTIMATE OF COMMUNIST AIR STRENGTH IN

CHINA-MANCHURIA-NORTH KOREA

1. The Communist Air Force in China, Manchuria, North Korea is estimated to have available a total of approximately 2,000 combat aircraft. (Jet fighter strength in operational units is estimated at 1,260 aircraft, of which about 1,110 are MIG-15's,) in addition to which approximately 40 jet fighters are in training use. Of the jet fighters in combat units, approximately 850 are based in the Manchuria area, including some 330 aircraft in units of unidentified subordination, while the remainder are based in China proper.

2. Combat air strength by types is estimated to breakdown aproximately as follows:

	Manchuria-N.Korea		China		Total	
Fighter						
Jet	MIG-15	850	MIG-15	260	MIG-15	1,110
			MIG-9	150	MIG-9	150
						1,260
Piston	LA-11	40	LA-11	40	LA-11	80
	LA-9	120			LA-9	120
	YAK-9	40			YAK-9	40
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	Manchuria-N. Korea		China		Total	
Attack	Il-10	100	Il-10	40	Il-10	140
Lt. Bomber	Tu-2	160	Tu-2	80	Tu-2	240
Transport			Il-12	35	Il-12	35
			Li-2	90	Li-2	90
			C-46,47	25	C-46,47	25
						150
		1,310		720		2,030